



Queensland at a Glance 2010



PEOPLE

DEMOGRAPHY

	2003	2007	2008
Estimated resident population(a)	'000	'000	'000

Queensland	3,809.2	4,196.0	4,293.9
(a) At 30 June.			

Components of population change(a)	no.	no.	no.
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Natural increase(b)	24,317	31,766	33,605
Net overseas migration	27,122	46,263	41,241
Net interstate migration	37,984	27,044	23,088

(a) Twelve months ended 30 June.

(b) Excess of births over deaths.

Vital statistics(a)	no.	no.	no.
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Births	48,342	61,249	63,132
Deaths	23,500	25,801	27,335
Marriages	22,273	25,808	26,803
Divorces	10,681	11,058	10,615

(a) Twelve months ended 31 December. Vital events are published on a year of registration basis.

Age groups(a)	%	%	%
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0-14 years	21	20	20
15-24 years	14	14	14
25-44 years	29	28	28
45-64 years	24	25	25
65 years and over	12	12	12

(a) As proportion of Queensland estimated resident population.

LABOUR MARKET

	2003-04	2007-08	2008-09
Annual averages	'000	'000	'000

Labour force	1,972.4	2,263.1	2,329.9
Employed persons	1,852.8	2,179.7	2,227.2
Unemployed persons	119.6	83.4	102.7

	%	%	%
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Unemployment rate	6.1	3.7	4.4
Participation rate	64.6	67.2	67.6

	2003	2007	2008
	'000	'000	'000

Job vacancies, May	19.3	35.6	41.6
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	2004	2008	2009
	\$	\$	\$

Average weekly earnings, Aug.	717.90	905.70	966.50
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REGIONAL POPULATION

	2003 '000	2007 '000	2008 '000
Selected local government areas(a)			
Brisbane (City)	939.1	1,010.5	1,027.8
Bundaberg (Region)	81.6	90.3	92.3
Cairns (Region)	134.1	152.7	158.7
Charters Towers (Region)	12.2	12.3	12.5
Fraser Coast (Region)	79.0	92.6	95.7
Gladstone (Region)	49.1	55.7	57.6
Gold Coast (City)	421.0	484.6	497.8
Ipswich (City)	129.8	148.0	154.2
Mackay (Region)	96.0	110.0	112.6
Moreton Bay (Region)	304.8	344.9	356.7
Mount Isa (City)	20.5	21.3	21.6
Rockhampton (Region)	101.3	110.1	111.5
Roma (Region)	12.8	13.1	13.1
Sunshine Coast (Region)	267.6	304.1	312.8
Toowoomba (Region)	142.0	153.5	155.1
Townsville (City)	151.7	170.4	175.5

(a) Estimated resident population at 30 June.

EDUCATION

	2003 no.	2007 no.	2008 no.
Schools, August	1,728	1,715	1,713
Government	1,283	1,250	1,250
Non-government	445	465	463
Students, August(a)	634,531	703,937(b)	712,434(c)
Government	445,025	478,883	479,850
Non-government	184,746	219,020	226,612

(a) Including full-time and part-time primary and secondary students. The breakdown into government and non-government is available only for full-time students.

(b) Queensland introduced a Pre-year 1 grade in 2007 following a successful trial from 2003-2006. Initially, in 2007, only a half cohort was enrolled.

(c) The 2008 data show around 95% of the expected cohort attended Pre-year 1 while the half cohort from 2007 were now in Year 1.

CRIME AND JUSTICE

	2002-03 no.	2006-07 no.	2007-08 no.
Total police strength at 30 June(a)	8,704	9,902	10,237
Sentence outcomes in Magistrates Courts	112,922	128,195	139,169
Sentence outcomes in higher courts	5,272	4,609	4,698

(a) Including recruits in training.

Source: Queensland Police Service.

INDUSTRY

AGRICULTURE(a)

		2006-07	2007-08
Agricultural establishments(b)	no.	27, 656	26,159
Area of farms	'000 ha	143,871	141,058
Total area of crops(c)	'000 ha	2,215	2,183
Agricultural production	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	
Apples		30	35
Bananas		189	188
Barley		^79	143
Capsicums, chillies and peppers		49	41
Carrots		29	25
Cotton lint		69	42
Grain sorghum		896	2,519
Grapes		17	15
Lettuce		^85	58
Mandarins		^69	^69
Potatoes		88	99
Pumpkins		40	^44
Sugar cane cut for crushing		33,058	29,788
Strawberries		17	13
Sweet corn		19	23
Tomatoes		121	132
Watermelons		^61	62
Wheat		^777	954
Livestock	'000	'000	
Meat cattle		11,495	11,731
Milk cattle		189	174
Sheep and lambs		4,378	3,960
Pigs		695	610
Chickens for meat production		11,018	11,588
Chickens for egg production		4,200	2,933
Brokers and dealers receivals of taxable wool	tonnes	15,928	12,284
Value of agricultural production	\$m	\$m	
Crops(d)		4,751.8	4,800.4
Livestock disposals		4,359.5	3,953.1
Livestock products		420.2	459.4
Total		9,531.5	9,195.0

^ estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to 25% and should be used with caution.

(a) Establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations of \$5,000 or more.

(b) At 30 June.

(c) Excluding crops harvested for hay and seed, and pasture and grasses.

(d) Including pastures and grasses, vegetables, fruit and nuts.

MINING

	2006-07	2007-08
Mineral commodities produced	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
Black coal (saleable)	184,082	182,567
Bauxite	17,380	19,386
Copper (metal content)	323	391
Lead (metal content)	411	479
Zinc	849	879
	\$m	\$m
Value of mineral commodities produced	24,902	26,769

SELECTED INDUSTRIES

	2007-08
Employment(a)	Sales & service income (b)
'000	\$m
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	119
Mining	34
Manufacturing	199
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	23
Construction	256
Wholesale trade	92
Retail trade	259
Accommodation and food services	152
Transport, postal and warehousing	118
Information media and telecommunications	23
Rental, hiring and real estate services	86
Professional, scientific and technical services	160
Administrative and support services	147
Public administration and safety	14
Education and training (private)	56
Health care and social assistance (private)	176
Arts and recreation services	37
Other services	89
Total selected industries(c)	2,039
	453,720

(a) At 30 June, including working proprietors.

(b) Including rent, leasing and hiring income.

(c) Excluding ANZSIC Division K - Financial and insurance services.

BUILDING

	2007-08	2008-09
Number of dwelling unit completions	no.	no.
New houses	27,252	26,220
New other residential building	12,419	12,273
Conversions, etc.	120	177
Total	39,791	38,670
Value of building work completed	\$m	\$m
New houses	6,556	6,961
New other residential building	3,126	3,028
Alterations and additions	1,273	1,414
Non-residential building	6,264	7,887
Total	17,217	19,289

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION(a)

		2007-08	2008-09
Number of establishments(b)	no.	1,116	1,135
Number of rooms(b)	no.	60,422	61,876
Room occupancy rate	%	65.9	62.8
Guest nights occupied	'000	27,725.6	27,010.2
Guest arrivals	'000	10,472.1	10,119.3
Takings from accommodation	\$m	2,076	2,047

(a) Hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms.

(b) At 30 June.

REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES(a)

	2008	2009
	'000	'000
Passenger vehicles	2,302.4	2,362.5
Light commercial vehicles	585.9	617.2
Trucks (including non-freight carrying trucks)	117.8	122.2
Motor cycles	139.4	151.7
Total(b)	3,173.4	3,283.2

(a) At 31 March.

(b) Including campervans and buses.

RETAIL TURNOVER

	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m
Food retailing	17,249	19,162
Household goods retailing	9,242	9,009
Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing	3,273	3,328
Department stores	3,540	3,727
Other retailing	6,457	7,336
Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services	6,020	5,795
Total	45,781	48,357

ECONOMY

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BRISBANE(a)

	2007-08	2008-09
Food	179.3	188.0
Alcohol and tobacco	243.6	259.8
Clothing and footwear	106.5	107.2
Housing	157.7	168.7
Household contents and services	127.1	130.2
Health	237.9	250.4
Transportation	164.8	165.1
Communication	114.9	115.9
Recreation	131.2	132.8
Education	295.0	312.0
Financial and insurance services(b)	108.8	111.1
All groups	164.8	171.0

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index is 1989-90 = 100.

(b) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.

EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m
Exports		
Foreign	35,320	56,481
Interstate(a)	n.a.	19,463
Imports		
Foreign	32,357	33,961
Interstate(a)	n.a.	39,126

(a) From the June quarter 2008, Queensland interstate trade estimates have been produced using sample survey methodology. As the new methodology differs significantly from that of the old survey, the results should be considered a break in series.

STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	2006-07	2007-08
	\$m	\$m
Total GFS revenue	43,129	41,047
Total GFS expenses	40,342	42,109
GFS Government Finance Statistics		

ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATIC DATA, BRISBANE

		2008	2009		
Month	Unit	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep
Mean daily maximum	°C	28.8	28.2	21.1	25.7
Mean daily minimum	°C	20.3	19.7	10.6	12.6
Rainfall, total	mm	51.2	57.4	94.4	11.0
Rain days	no.	15	12	12	2
Mean daily sunshine	hours	9.5	8.3	6.6	10.0
Strong wind days, over 50 km/h	no.	3	3	1	5

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

Data in this publication are subject to revision.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

°C	degrees Celsius
\$	dollars
GFS	government finance statistics
ha	hectare
mm	millimetre
\$m	million dollars
n.a.	not available for publication
no.	number
%	per cent
\$'000	thousand dollars
'000	thousand
^	estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to 25% and should be used with caution

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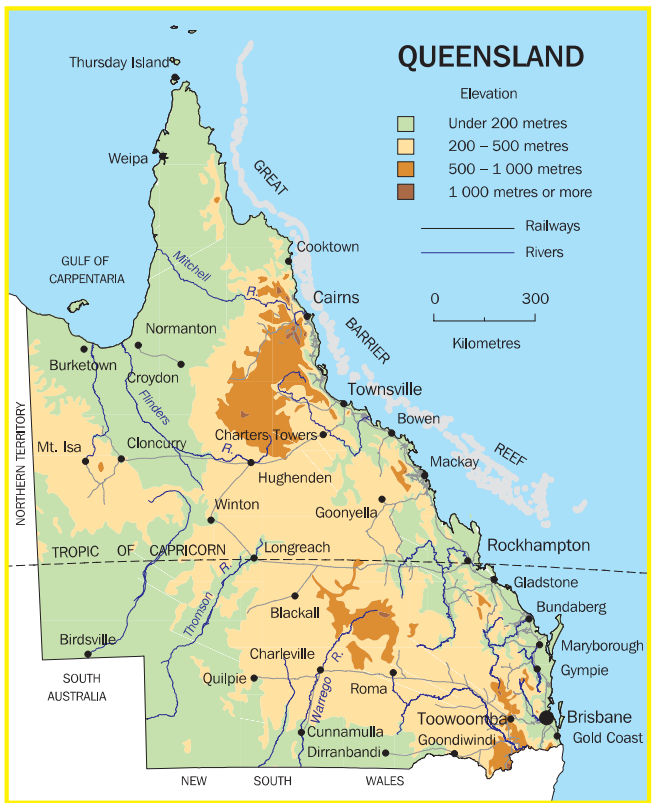
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GEOGRAPHY

Situated generally between 10° and 29° south latitude and between 138° and 154° east longitude, Queensland occupies the north-eastern portion of the Australian continent. Of the total area of approximately 1.73 million square kilometres, just over half is north of the Tropic of Capricorn. Of the states and territories of Australia, Queensland ranks second in area and third in population.

GOVERNMENT

Queensland is a constituent state of the Commonwealth of Australia, and observes the Australian Constitution. While returning elected members to both upper and lower houses of the Federal Parliament, Queensland is unique in that its own State Parliament has only one house – the Legislative Assembly. Local government derives its powers from Acts passed by the State Parliament. The capital city is Brisbane.



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